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Scientists working to under mine cells that resist chemotherapy

NEW YORK (AP) — Some cancer cells that resist chemotherapy apparently expel the drugs through "chemical pumps," but scientists hope they can sabotage that defense, according to new studies from several laboratories.

The suspected pump is a chain-like protein that snakes in and out of cell walls.

While it serves some unknown function in normal cells, drug-resistant cells have the protein in unusually high amounts.

Further research may someday allow doctors to hinder the pumping operation in cancer cells, or even activate it in healthy cells to help them withstand the poisonous onslaught of chemotherapy, scientists said in interviews.

Resistance of cancer cells to mul-

tipled drugs is a key problem of chemotherapy.

Some cancers, like those of the colon and lung, resist drugs from the outset, while others acquire resistance in the course of chemotherapy.

If resistance to standard drugs could be overcome, Dr. John Stevens of the American Cancer Society, said, "We could give our chemotherapeutic agents a second lease on life in a much more incisive fashion."

The new research is providing good evidence that the pump mechanism is one way cancer cells resist chemotherapy, Stevens said.

The most recently published study appears in Thursday's issue of the British journal Nature.

Victor Ling and colleagues at the Ontario Cancer Institute, Princess

Margaret Hospital and the University of Toronto describe striking structural similarities between the suspected pump protein and a known pump protein from bacteria.

Peter Juranka, a co-author of the study, said in a telephone interview, unusually high levels of the suspected pump, called P-glycoprotein, had previously been demonstrated in some cancers that resist several drugs.

Other studies have focused on a gene that directs cells to produce the P-glycoprotein pump.

David Housman, a biology professor at the Center for Cancer Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said, in one set of experiments, drug-sensitive cells from hamsters became resistant when cloned pump genes from a

mouse were inserted and made order high amounts of P-glycoprotein.

Housman reported the work in the Oct. 23 Nature with MIT colleagues James Croop and Yimou Neriah, and with Philippe Gros of McGill University in Montreal.

Another team, including National Cancer Institute scientists and Ronins of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, studied drug-resistant human cancer cells and found extra copies of the pump gene and the pump protein, said NCI's Michael Gottesman.

Ira Pastan of NCI said, the human pump gene also revealed an unexpected structural similarity to bacterial genes that are involved in various pumping mechanisms.

Study: Thyroid pills ease symptoms of PMS sufferers

BOSTON (AP) — Thyroid hormone pills can relieve premenstrual syndrome for many women whose symptoms appear to be linked with sluggish thyroid glands, suggests a new, preliminary report.

The study found often-mild thyroid deficiencies in 94 percent of the victims of premenstrual syndrome who were tested. Those who took thyroid pills "reported complete relief from the symptoms of PMS."

However, several experts said they doubt that underactive thyroids — what's known as hypothyroidism — contribute to premenstrual syndrome for most victims of the common disorder.

The apparent link between the thyroid gland and premenstrual syndrome was discovered by Dr. Nora D. Brayshaw of the Biopsychiatry Center in Watchung, N.J. The results of her preliminary experiments were published as a letter in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

In an interview, she said she has found more than 300 women "where the correlation is absolutely profound" between premenstrual syndrome and underactive thyroids,

and said she has used thyroid pills routinely to treat them.

"I am so sure I know it works that when it doesn't, I've been able to find a problem," such as drinking or drugs, that interferes with the thyroid supplements, Brayshaw said.

Brayshaw said low thyroid function may not actually cause PMS. Instead, the two problems could be the result of some broader underlying hormonal disorder. But she said she believes virtually everyone with premenstrual syndrome has thyroid deficiencies.

The reaction of several other experts to Brayshaw's work ranged from cautious support to skepticism.

At the National Institute of Mental Health, Dr. David Rubinow said he found it amazing that nearly all the PMS victims showed thyroid abnormalities and that all of them could have responded to the treatment.

"I think that she is probably onto something, that there is probably a group of people for whom this may be a relevant biological clue," he said. But he added that a "great deal more rigorously obtained and well-controlled data is needed."

Boys' spending spree ends after five days

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Two California teen-agers took off on a cross-country binge of fancy meals and new clothes after finding a suitcase stuffed with about \$8,000 in drug money, but their spending spree attracted police, who arrested them five days later.

Raymond Salter, 13, and Marc Hairrell, 14, were picked up Sunday at Port Columbus International Airport with nearly \$5,000 and a bag containing less than a gram of cocaine.

Each was being held Wednesday on a charge of drug abuse, but Columbus Police Officer Floyd Wise said he would probably seek dismissal of the charges so the boys could return home to Petaluma, Calif.

"They were buying fine dinners, riding in taxis and limousines," Wise said. "They just got mixed up in something that they shouldn't have."

Wise said the boys told police they left California Nov. 26 after Hairrell found a suitcase that had been tossed out a window during a police search at a Petaluma home.

It contained an estimated \$8,000 in cash and a bag containing less than a gram of cocaine.

"They didn't even realize it was cocaine," Wise said. "All they saw was the \$100 bills, the 50s and the 20s."

He said the teen-agers flew to Chicago from San Francisco on Thanksgiving Day, buying tickets under assumed names.

The youths were arrested after police were told of two teen-agers leaving \$100 tips with airport concessionaires.

Stock market closes lower, with no trends

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market closed lower Wednesday in busy, trendless activity marked by profit-taking in the wake of gains made in the previous record-breaking session.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 8.30 points to 1,947.27.

Losers outpaced gainers in about 9-to-8 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 832 issues down, 746 up, and 435 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 200.14 million shares, compared with 230.35 million shares in Tuesday's session.

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